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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Examiner's action mailed April 10, 2001, Applicant elects the invention of Group I claims, 1, 2, 9-10, 17-23 (in part), 24-25, and 32-37 (in part). The election is made without traverse.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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17. The method of claim 9, wherein said cell is capable of undergoing necrosis in the presence of zVAD-fmk and TNF $\alpha$ .